(d) All commercial banks including the public sector banks make provision every year out of their annual income for meeting their liability towards bad and doubtful dabts to the satisfaction of their statutory auditors and write of the debts which are considered by their management as ultimately unrecoverable from out of the provisions so made. The banks generally write off their advances only after exhausting all possible evenues of recovery. Reserve Bank of India have issued detailed guidelines to the banks indicating the factors to be kept in view before write offs are made. According to the norms of Balance Sheet and Profit and loss Account prescribed in the Third Schedule of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949, which all banks are required to follow strictly, and in accordance with the practices and usages customary among the bankers, the banks are given statutory protection from disclosing the quantum of bad and doubtful debts for which the provision is made to the satisfaction of their statutary auditors as well as the amount of bad debts written off.

Growth rate in National Economy

3081. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) what is the growth rate in national economy attained during the first two years of the current Plan and that expected to be attained by the end of this Plan;

(b) whether any target of growth rate has been planned to be attained by the 2000 A.D.; and

(c) if so, what are the details and the steps likely to be taken to fulfil that target?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) The growth rate in Gross Domestic Product at factor cost in the first year of the current Plan i.e. 1985-86 was 5.1 per cent as per Central Statistical Organisation quick estimates. The growth rate is tentatively estimated to be over 4.5 per centin the second year of the plan i.e. 1986-87. A growth rate of 5 per cent is expected to be attained by the end of this Plan.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) According to the Development Perspective of the Seventh Five Year Plan a target of 5 per cent growth rate has been planned to be attained by 2000 A.D. The Seventh Plan seeks to emphasise policies and programmes which will accelerate the growth in foodgrains production, increase employment opportunities and raise productivity. At the present stage of development, these three more immediate objectives are central to the achievement of the long-term goals put forward in the development perspective.

Bank Dacoities

3082. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that bank dacoities in the public sector banks have been on increase;

(b) if so, the details of such cases in Nationalised banks during the period 1st January, 1985 and 30th June, 1987;

(c) how does the figures compare with the number of cases during the corresponding period i.e. 1-1-1983 and 30-6-1985 stating the amount involved;

(d) main reasons for rise in such cases; and

(e) the measures taken by Government to check these cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) to (c)

Information in respect of incidents of bank dacoities/robberies in Public Sector Banks during the period 1-1-83 to 30-6-85 and 1-1-85 to 30.6.87 and the amounts involved therein, as reported by R.B.I., is as given below:

1-1-83 to 30-6-85		1-1-85 to 30-6-87	
No. of cases	Amount (Rs.in Lakhs)	No.of cases	Amount (Rs. in Lakhs)
192	313.23	239	1232.27

(Data provisional)

(d) and (e) Bank robberies/dacoities, to a considerable extent, depend on the general security environment in the locality. Banks, however, have been taking steps to improve their security arrangements so as to offer as little inducement as possible to miscreants to rob banks and also to deter them. As this is a continuous process, security measures implemented by public sector banks are being reviewed from time to time and whenever further improvements are considered necessary, requisite guidelines instructions are given to the Banks. Depending on the risk factor involved, steps have been taken to appoint security guards, instal appropriate alarm systems, etc. in branches. Since apprehension of the culprits concerned is the most important deterrent; State Governments/ Union Territory Administrations have also been requested to make all out efforts to arrest the culprits. Further, in order to motivate bank employees, the general public and the police to resist robbers/dacoits, a scheme of rewards has been announced.

अधिकारियों के बीच रोष

3083. **श्री रशीद मासूद :**
श्रीमती रेणुका चौधरी :

क्या **प्रधान मंत्री** यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि भारतीय सर्वेक्षण विभाग के सिविल अधिकारियों में इस बात से रोष व्याप्त है कि पदोन्नति वेतन एवं वरीयता के मामले में रक्षा अधिकारियों की तुलना में उनके साथ सौतेला व्यवहार किया जा रहा है ;

(ख) क्या यह भी सही है कि इन अधिकारियों ने इस संबंध में सरकार को शिकायतें भी भेजी हैं ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो उनका ब्यौरा क्या है और इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

रक्षा मंत्रालय में रक्षा उत्पादन तथा पूर्ति विभाग में राज्य मंत्री (श्री शिवराज पाटिल) : (क) से (ग) भारतीय सर्वेक्षण समूह "ब" सेवा से संबंधित असैनिक अधिकारियों के प्रार्थना-पत्र प्राप्त हुए हैं जिसमें उन्होंने भारतीय सर्वेक्षण (इंजीनियर अधिकारियों के कॉप्स से भर्ती) नियमावली, 1950 के अंतर्गत भारतीय सर्वेक्षण में उपनियुक्त सेना के अधिकारियों की तुलना में अपनी सेवा परिस्थितियों का उल्लेख किया है। ये प्रार्थना पत्र भारतीय सर्वेक्षण में सेना के अधिकारियों की तुलना में पदोन्नति के अवसरों की कमी, वरिष्ठता वेतन आदि के संबंध में है। इन प्रार्थना-पत्रों की संबंधित विभागों द्वारा जांच की जा रही है। वैसे भारतीय सर्वेक्षण के 'ब' सेवा समूह के असैनिक अधिकारियों की संस्था ने भी 1950 नियमावली की वैधता को चुनौती देते हुए इस मामले को केन्द्रीय प्रशासनिक ट्रिब्यूनल के समक्ष रखा है। ट्रिब्यूनल ने अभी तक इस मामले पर निर्णय नहीं दिया है।

Appointment of LDCs in Income Tax Office

3084. SHRI M. KADHARSHA:
SHRI F. M. GHAN:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain candidates were nominated by Staff Selection Commission by the end of